(b) Investment approval for the installation of 120 MW Diesel Power Plant at Yelahanka, Bangalore, has been accorded by the Planning Commission on 29-12-1988.

Commissioning of Dankuni Coal Complex

2416. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the commissioning of Dankuni Coal Complex has been further delayed ;

(b) whether the failure on the part of management in removing the bottlenecks has caused severe escalation in the cost of the project ;

(c) whether Government have appointed a Committee to go into the various causes leading to the delay in commissioning of the project ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b) The CIL is not expecting any further delay in commissioning of the Dankuni Coal Complex. Phase I of the project has already been commissioned in June, 1989. Phase II is being readied for commission. As per Letter of Intent, the scheduled date for commission of the project was March, 1985. The commissioning of the project has been delayed due to various reasons such as, difficulties in land filling at site, selection of technology, delay in procurement of equipment and construction materials and shortage of manpower.

The original cost estimate of the project was 49·27 crores. The revised cost of the project, assessed upto June, 1986, is Rs. 118 crores.

(c) and (d) Yes. Sir. A Committee was set up by the Government to look into the reasons for delay in the commissioning of the project. The report of the committee is under consideration.

Violation of Government's Directives by State Electricity Boards

2417. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre's directive to State Electricity Boards in regard to improved service conditions for the technicians have often been violated and as a result thereof power generation has been adversely affected;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the U.P. State Electricity Board has been withholding the promotion of technicians to the posts of Junior Engineer since 1977 despite repeated directives from the Central Government ;

(c) whether the Central Government are incurring losses on their investment in the Board due to continued agitation by the power workers, including technicians ;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof : and

(e) what steps are being taken to ensure that State Electricity Boards take immediate steps to implement Central Government's directives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The Central Government has been emphasising to the State Governments that they should have adequately trained technical manpower in the State Electricity Boards for meeting their needs and should provide them